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Applicant:

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For:

VARIANTS OF ALTERNATIVE SPLICING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

November 21, 2002

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 22, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Supergrouping 1: Groups I-XXVI, claims 1-3, 6 and 8-15, drawn to nucleic acids corresponding to SEQ ID NOS: 1-26, respectively, and vectors, cells and pharmaceutical compositions comprising them;

Supergrouping 2: Groups XXVII-LII, claims 4, 5, 12 and 13, drawn to amino acid sequences corresponding to SEQ ID NOS: 27-52, respectively, and pharmaceutical compositions comprising them;

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SMALL ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply to Restriction/Election Requirement in the above-identified application.

 \boxtimes Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant \Box to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.

 \boxtimes No fee is required.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of П \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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